

**Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute  
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2009

Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board Bellvue Conference Room

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*NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.*

**LHRC Members in Attendance:** Greg Casker, Lesa Shelton, Jeff Rodden, Thelma Wright, Esther Goins

**LHRC Members Not in Attendance:** Verna Hendrickson and Mary Ann Boyd

**Other Representatives in Attendance:** Roanna Deal, Human Rights Advocate Senior

**Minutes Recorder:** Vicki Lowther, SVMHI

**LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule:** The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ [www.svmhi.dbdhs.virginia.gov](http://www.svmhi.dbdhs.virginia.gov) under the heading of Client Advocacy.

**Welcome/Call to Order:** Chairman Greg Casker called to order the July 21, 2009 meeting of the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SVMHI) Local Human Rights Committee at 3:45 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the May 20, 2009 were approved.

**Member Reappointments:** Thelma Wright and Esther Goins were reappointed.

**Affiliation Notification:** Strategic Therapy, Inc: Nikki Craft presented the program's expansion of services to the committee. The Committee approved Strategic Therapy Inc.'s program expansion.

**Advocate's Report:** Roanna Deal reported that for Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute: 14 restraints in May. 2 Human Rights complaints, no allegations of abuse/neglect and 31.45 hours of seclusion. In June there were 9 complaints, 4 allegations of abuse/neglect and 1 allegation founded. It has been corrected. Seclusion hours for the month of June totaled 30.40 hours.

Ms. Deal's email address is changing by 7/01/2010 to [roanna.deal@dbdhs.virginia.gov](mailto:roanna.deal@dbdhs.virginia.gov) . Ms. Deal also gave out forms for filing complaints for consumers utilizing the Medicaid cabs.

Affiliate monthly reports will need to be completed and given to Ms. Deal no later than the fifth of every month.

Ms. Deal introduced Mr. Kirby Wright, SHRC Chair, to address the committee and it's affiliates on the need to recruit consumers for the local human rights committees.

**Facility Report:** Mr. David Lyon reports that SVMHI is now in the process of renovation. SVMHI has 4-18 bed units and when the renovation is complete, they will have 3-24 bed units. The renovation is funded by Federal Stimulus monies and bonds. SVMHI currently has a total of 79 patients. An 18 month project to add a new air conditioning and heating system will begin after the current construction is completed.

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**Affiliate Reports:**

**DePaul** has undergone a name change from DePaul Family Services to DePaul Community Resources. No complaints were reported.

**Hughes Center:** They have a new CEO; Mike Triggs. They are serving 32 residential child and day care students, ranging from ages 13-22 years of age. They had 1 Human Rights complaint or allegation, and 11 allegations of abuse; 2 were founded.

They have ceased using TOVA and have opted for a new technique.

**All Care Family Services:** No complaints. They have 26 clients.

**Lamano Agency:** First 6 months there were no complaints. 1 allegation ; unfounded and no charges.

**Executive Session:** The Committee went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing SHRC recommendations pursuant to an appeal for a consumer of Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, heard by the SHRC. The motion was made and passed that the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.1-3.44 .

Upon reconvening in public session, the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC unanimously certified that the best of each Committee member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene in Executive Session were discussed in Executive Session.

Per Executive Session Committee Discussion, the Director of Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, will report the following to the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC:

1. If a patient is involuntarily admitted to Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, and their legal status is changed from involuntary to voluntary, the treating physician will need to assess if there is an AR, and if so, if there continues to be a need for the AR. This assessment will be completed within one business day from the change of the patient's legal status.
2. On the second business day from the above mentioned legal status change, the facility Ombudsman will review the record and meet with the patient to monitor that the above mentioned procedure was followed correctly. If the procedure was not followed, the Ombudsman will report the lapse in procedure to the Director.
3. The facility Director of Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute will report any failures in the above referenced procedure when it occurs to the Human Rights Advocate Senior, who will in turn, notify the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC.
4. Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute will review for every patient that has a designated AR, the continued need for an AR at every scheduled treatment team meeting. During the team meeting, the team social worker will document that the AR status was reviewed. The Director of Social Work will perform Quality Assurance audits of this procedure by reviewing the charts in such a time to be designated by Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute administration.
5. The facility Director will report to the Human Rights Advocate Senior, when this process is failed to be performed accordingly, and the Advocate will in turn notify the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC.

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**New Business:**

Committee members discussed inviting the affiliated programs to submit summaries of their programs for the committee to reference. Roanna Deal will work on drafting a memo for the affiliated programs and submit to the Committee Chair for review.

Committee members discussed the need for requiring reporting requirements for each program that will be followed during each committee meeting. Roanna Deal will send a draft to the Committee Chair for review prior to the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held at 3 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Norman Auditorium at Southern Virginia in Danville, Virginia.

**Adjournment:**

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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